**APPROVED MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on March 31, 2004 at 8:00 P.M.

### PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor
FRANKLIN J. CHU
ROBERT S. CYPHER
MATTHEW FAHEY
DUNCAN HENNES
ROSAMOND LARR
HOWARD G. SEITZ (arrived at 9:10)
Councilmen

ABSENT: None

An executive session was held prior to the regular City Council meeting commencing at 7:38 P.M. to discuss the Osborn litigation matter. Councilman Seitz was absent, but a quorum was present to conduct official business. The session adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

## 1. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>

Mayor Otis called the meeting to order and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Roll Call

Mayor Otis asked the City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

#### Announcements

Mayor Otis made the following announcements:

- The Rye High School Girl's Basketball Team had reached the finals of the state championship tournament and deserved applause for a great year. He pointed out that with Field Hockey winning the championship and Football reaching the finals it had been an exceptional year for any school, let along one of our size.
- The Segmente Rate Case to affirm the decision by the Office of Real Property Services to lower taxes in the Rye Neck School District has been decided by the Appellate Court in Rye's favor. Corporation Counsel Kevin Plunkett said the original decision saved Rye Neck taxpayers over \$600,000 and it is thanks to the excellent case prepared by Assessor Noreen Whitty that the City was able to gain and retain those savings.

- Governor Pataki announced a \$4.5M grant to Harrison to clean up pollution on the Harrison side of Beaver Swamp Brook. This is another large step forward in the continuing environmental reclamation of the brook.
- The City has heard from Nita Lowey that the following appropriations have been made to the City of Rye: \$24,852 for a First Responder System for auxiliary police; \$298,230 for the Beaver Swamp Brook Project, \$7,848 for Portable Radios compatible with new technology associated with first responders; \$99,410 for Blind Brook Hydrology Study Funding; and \$199,000 to the Rye Town Park Commission to restore the historic Tower Buildings.
- The Friends Meeting House has been added to the New York Registry of Historic Sites making it eligible for grant funds.
- There will be a special workshop for the City Council on Wednesday, April 7 to discuss alternatives, such as the installation of meters, for parking in the Central Business District. The public is invited.

## 3. Residents may be heard who have matters to discuss that do not appear on the agenda

Joe Murphy, 57 Franklin Avenue, spoke on behalf of the Rye Senior Citizens Group saying the seniors were awaiting a report on new plans for the Damiano Center. He said they had heard the Council was considering spending \$600,000, but would like to see the \$2.9K authorized by the Bond Referendum held in June 2002, restored. He said they have waited patiently and it is time to give them their space.

#### 4. Presentation by Rye Senior Advocacy Committee

Marion Shea, President of the Rye Senior Advocacy Committee, presented a report covering their activities in the two years since the Committee was established. The report, on file in the Clerk's Office, is summarized as follows:

The Committee's formal mission ("to enhance the quality of life of Rye's senior residents by offering information, guidance, and assistance for services on an as needed basis") and organization was stated in the City Council's resolution of March 20, 2002. The committee approach was set up as an alternative to having a single "Senior Advocate," and is composed of community leaders and professionals representing different resources that respond to the multiplicity of needs facing seniors and their families. It has eight appointed members (including an ex officio member from the Osborn Staff) and a pro-bono staff member (a professional working in the field of geriatric management).

The primary achievement of the past two years has been the creation of a **Resource Directory** designed to provide information on an array of services available to seniors. It not only provides important information used by them and their advisors or families, but also in some instances provides copies of brochures to better explain the scope of services. Seniors can learn on

their own and the RSAC is able to help individuals without imposing on their rights of privacy. Copies are available at the Rye Free Reading Room, Rye Manor, the Rye Recreation (Damiano) Center, and the Osborn home. A master copy is maintained by the Committee.

Other activities range from broad community involvement to assisting specific individuals and families as follows:

**Community Conference** – safe driving relating to the older driver (co-sponsored with the Osborn and the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services).

**Short Term Crisis Intervention** – opportunity to discuss pressing issues impacting the functioning of their family is offered; targeted sessions conducted with individuals and in some instances, home visits conducted to assess needs and define a Care Plan.

**Court Cases & Regulatory Problems** – the professional staff has served as an advocate for seniors when contacted by them or city staff in cases where seniors have been requested to appear in court or to meet with city staff because of alleged legal or regulatory violations. The City is urged to avail itself of this service more frequently.

**Grant Preparation** – applications made to National Highway Traffic Safety Commission to establish a national model for initiating programs to enable the older driver to become a safer driver and to make the painful decision to give up their car keys.

**Home Care** – Guidance for individuals who have come home from the hospital or were incapacitated in other ways. Solutions facilitated through the community networking occurring among committee members.

**Housing** – guiding individuals in relocating to Rye Manor in order to maintain residency in Rye.

**Legal Services** – guidance given to help seniors select lawyers.

The finances of the Committee have been enhanced by a total of \$750 in donations from the Rotary and Lions clubs in addition to the \$1500 per year allocation from the City Council. The cost of the directory was \$234. Other funds are not yet spent, but the committee requests that the \$1500 per year allocation continue.

There are issues of municipal concern. The problems affecting our senior population (physical, medical, economic, emotional and social) are different from those in other segments of the population. Time is also a factor (for example, the healing process for medical problems is slower and the time left to solve them is shorter). Many seniors find family and friends no longer available for support so a new network is necessary. Many are relying on fixed incomes. The three major needs are as follows:

- 1. A lack of dedicated meeting and recreational space for the Rye Seniors Club
- 2. The need for a nutritional program within Rye Manor as many become frailer
- 3. The need for workshops to address specific problems facing many seniors (for example, "How to prepare one's house for sale."

In conclusion, while there are many issues, the Committee will continue to concentrate on the activities pursued over the past two years. The senior population has benefited from the work of the committee on many levels. The committee appreciates the assignment given and looks forward to continuing its role in 2004. As all members were assigned for three years, it is suggested that the Council plan on initiating staggered appointments at the beginning in 2005.

The report, submitted by Mrs. Shea on behalf of the entire Committee (Arthur Stampleman, Peggy Trayor, Julia Schwartz-Leeper and staff support member Joe Murphy were present), was greeted with congratulations and applause. The Mayor complimented the Committee on creating the new model (committee versus one individual) that works. Councilman Chu asked how many people in Rye are Seniors (2639 [17.7%] over age 60; 2012 [13.5%] over age 65). Councilman Hennes asked if funds are available to help with nutrition at Rye Manor (*The Committee is looking into it; Meals on Wheels is only available if prescribed by a doctor*).

5. Resolution requiring any Board, Commission, Committee or other organization making a report or proposal to the Council to submit its report or outline of the proposal in writing seven (7) days prior to the Council meeting

City Manager Paul Shew reported that the letter requesting feedback from boards, commissions and committees on the proposed resolution had produced no adverse feedback. Councilwoman Larr said she had already been approached to review some future reports and there was no opposition to the suggestion.

Councilwoman Larr made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chu and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has requested that all Boards, Commissions and Committees submit a report on their activities to the Council at least annually; and

**WHEREAS,** periodically, organizations wish to present proposals to the Council or to review their activities for the benefit of the Council;

**WHEREAS,** to facilitate discussion of any issues raised by such reports, proposals or reviews, it would be in the best interest of the Council to have reviewed such report, proposal or review prior to its presentation, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that any Board, Commission or Committee or other organization making a report or proposal to the Council or wishing to review their activities for the benefit of the Council shall submit its report or an outline of its proposal or review in writing, for delivery to the members of the Council, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Council meeting at which such report or proposal or review shall be considered.

## 6. Adoption of the County Tax rates for 2004

Councilwoman Larr made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chu, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the tax rates for the amounts of Westchester County, Blind Brook Sewer District, Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District and Refuse Disposal District charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2004, shall be as follows:

Westchester County	
Levy	\$17,978,031
Taxable Assessed Value	134,450,950
Taxable Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	133.714
Blind Brook Sewer District	
Levy	\$2,366,892
Taxable Assessed Value	138,780,791
Taxable Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	17.055
Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District	
Levy	\$362,884
Taxable Assessed Value	20,202,958
Taxable Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	17.962
Refuse Disposal District No. 1	
Levy	\$2,239,921
Taxable Assessed Value	137,826,499
	137,020,177

and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Council does hereby certify to the City Comptroller the above stated levies and tax rates for Westchester County, Blind Brook Sewer District, Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District and Refuse Disposal District No. 1 charges, and the City Comptroller is hereby directed to apportion and extend against each taxable property listed upon the assessment roll of the City of Rye for 2004 at the rates specified, the amount of taxes required to produce the total sums certified and to render tax notices for, and receive and collect, the several sums computed and determined, and, it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the tax warrant of Westchester County be signed by the Mayor and directed to the City Comptroller to collect the amount of said taxes with interest as provided by law and any special assessment heretofore authorized and approved.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Chu\*, Cypher\*, Fahey\*, Hennes\*, and Larr

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Seitz

<sup>\*</sup>Vote in favor of the County Tax Warrant made with reluctance and in protest.

## 6A. <u>Appeal of response to FOIL request submitted by Rye Police Association on January 5, 2004</u>

City Manager Paul Shew said a request for legal bills, which had been redacted from a previous request, had been submitted to the Council. He said the request had not been submitted in a proper fashion, but, in an effort to work with individuals and the collective bargaining units in a fair and reasonable manner, he was requesting that the Council consider the request. Corporation Counsel, Kevin Plunkett said the law provides that certain information may be redacted and he was comfortable that what was previously provided to the Rye Police Association was accurate and properly redacted. He recommended that the Freedom of Information (FOIL) request be denied.

Councilwoman Larr made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hennes and unanimously carried, to deny the appeal of a response to a FOIL request for invoices.

# 7. Resolution naming election personnel for the Special Election of the qualified voters of the City of Rye to be held on April 27, 2004

Councilwoman Larr made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cypher and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution, as required by the City's Bond Counsel to conduct special elections:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rye, Westchester County, New York, on February 25, 2004 adopted a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of \$2,240,000 serial bonds of said City to pay the cost of the construction or reconstruction of various City-owned buildings in and for said City, such buildings being class "A" buildings within the meaning of subdivision 11 of said paragraph, including incidental improvements and expenses, throughout and in and for said City subject to a referendum in accordance with the provisions of Section C21-9 of the Charter of said City; and

**WHEREAS**, a special election of the qualified voters of said City for the purpose of submitting a proposition for the approval or disapproval of said bond resolution has been duly called for April 27, 2004; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Rye, Westchester County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The following named persons, selected from the list of election inspectors for general election purposes pursuant to the Election Law, are hereby appointed as election inspectors in the polling place for the special election called for April 27, 2004 for the purpose of approving or disapproving the bond resolution of the City of Rye, Westchester County, New York, referred to in the preambles hereof:

## **Election Inspectors**

Adele Arrigale
Lucy Luckhart
Martin Gordon
Judy Ryen
Ann Coughlin
Carmel Loddo

Rose Scandinaro

Norma Iorocci

Byron Hawkins

Joseph Pryor

<u>Section 2</u>. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

8. <u>Authorization for City Clerk to loan four voting machines to the Rye City School District for School Board Elections and budget vote from May 12-19, 2004</u>

Councilman Cypher made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hennes and unanimously carried, to authorize the City Clerk to loan four voting machines to the Rye City School District for School Board Elections and budget vote from May 12-19, 2004.

9. Resolution requesting that the State make the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) permanent by eliminating the sunset provision

At the request of the City Manager, the City Clerk, as the City's official Records Management Officer (RMO), reported on the importance of the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) to all communities, providing grant funds and technical assistance. She urged the Council to adopt a resolution supporting the end of the sunset provision included in the LGRMIF.

Councilwoman Larr made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fahey and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) was created in 1989 to provide technical assistance and grants to establish, improve or enhance records management programs in New York's more than 4300 local governments, and

**WHEREAS**, the closely related Documentary Heritage Program (DHP) for grants and technical assistance to non-governmental historical records repositories also is supported by the LGRMIF, and

**WHEREAS**, a sunset date for the LGRMIF was established in the original legislation to permit its operation as a five-year experiment, and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Legislature twice has extended the sunset date, once in 1990 and most recently in 1999 to December 31, 2005, and

**WHEREAS**, the LGRMIF has effectively supported essential advisory services and 6300 grants totaling over \$113 million to improve the management of records for over half of all NYS local governments, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature created the closely-related Cultural Education Fund (CEF) to support the New York State Archives, New York State Library and New York State Museum on behalf of all New Yorkers, and the Office for Public Broadcasting, and provided the CEF with an identical sunset date, and

**WHEREAS**, the LGRMIF and the programs it supports continue to operate at a high standard of excellence and provide direct and significant benefit to local governments at no cost to the taxpayers, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rye has benefited from technical assistance, training, publications and 8 grants totaling \$91,481, supported by the LGRMIF, and is hoping to be awarded a 2004-5 grant in the amount of \$9,425, and

WHEREAS, the LGRMIF and the CEF continue to be critically important in the fulfillment of the many records and information related responsibilities of the City of Rye and to the cultural and scientific needs of the people of New York State, now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the City of Rye supports the elimination of said sunset provision of December 31, 2000 in order to make the LGRMIF and the CEF permanent.

10. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an indemnification agreement with the Town of Harrison and the Village of Harrison for the use of the Town of Harrison Police Department Pistol Range

City Manager Shew explained that the Town of Harrison and Village of Harrison are now requiring that municipalities using the Town of Harrison Police Department Pistol Range enter into an Indemnification Agreement, to be renewed annually. In response to a question from Councilman Hennes, Corporation Counsel, Kevin Plunkett said the City of Rye had not, in the past, required such an agreement for use of the City's training facilities, but would be doing so in the future.

Councilman Chu made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hennes and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Rye Police Department desires to use the Town of Harrison Police Department Pistol Range, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Harrison and Village of Harrison require from any municipality requesting use of its Pistol Range proper insurance naming the Town of Harrison and Village of Harrison as additional insureds and a fully executed Indemnification Agreement inuring to the benefit of the Town of Harrison and Village of Harrison, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that an Indemnification Agreement inuring to the benefit of the Town of Harrison and Village of Harrison be executed annually, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Rye authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Indemnification Agreement, and to deliver same to the Town Attorney of the Town of Harrison, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the town Attorney of the Town of Harrison with a fully executed copy of the Indemnification Agreement, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect upon the City of Rye's receiving a similar Resolution and Indemnification Agreement from the Town of Harrison for the use of the City of Rye's Pistol Range.

11. Resolution to amend 2004 General Fund budget to recognize New York State Child Passenger Safety grant award

Councilman Hennes made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr, to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rye has been awarded a Child Passenger Safety grant in the amount of \$7,100 from New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 budget did not anticipate the receipt of use of such funds; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City Comptroller is authorized to amend the fiscal 2004 General Fund Police Patrol budget as follows:

Increase Revenues – State Aid Child Passenger Safety Grant - \$7,100 Increase Appropriations – Police Patrol Misc. Non-office Equipment - \$7,100

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Chu, Cypher, Fahey, Hennes and Larr

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Seitz

## 12. Resolution to amend 2004 General Fund budget to recognize "Buckle Up New York!" grant award

Councilman Hennes made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cypher, to adopt the following resolution accepting a grant designed to pay overtime to enforce the State's seatbelt law:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rye has been awarded a "Buckle Up New York!" grant in the amount of \$7,705 from New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 budget did not anticipate the receipt of use of such funds; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City Comptroller is authorized to amend the fiscal 2004 General Fund Police Patrol budget as follows:

Increase Revenues – State Aid Buckle Up Grant - \$7,705 Increase Appropriations – Police Patrol Overtime - \$7,705

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Chu, Cypher, Fahey, Hennes and Larr

NAYS: None ABSENT: Councilman Seitz

## 13. <u>Schedule regular meeting of the City Council held annually at the Square House for May</u> 5, 2004

Mayor Otis reminded everyone that the regular meeting of the City Council on May 5, 2004 begins at the Square House with a ceremonial meeting to which all employees, Board, Committee and Commission members are invited. The Mayor said it was particularly appropriate that the Council meet at the Square House this year, the centennial of the founding of the Village of Rye, as it was Village Hall from 1904-1964.

### 14. Bids for Street Materials

The bid tabulation for this annual contract follows:

## Bid #2-04 STREET MATERIALS

NAME OF BIDDER		N. Biddle & Son Inc.		Peckham Materials Corp.		Patterson Materials Corp.		Canal Asphalt Inc.	
#	Item	PER TON		PER TON		PER TON		PER TON	
		F.O.B.	Delivered	F.O.B.	Delivered	F.O.B.	Delivered	F.O.B.	Delivered
	Crushed Stone 3/4"	No Bid	17.48	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	17.65	27.00	No Bid
	Crushed Stone 1 ½"	No Bid	17.48	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	17.65	No Bid	No Bid
	Graded Processed Stone NYS 304.03	No Bid	16.38	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	16.15	No Bid	No Bid
		PER NET TON		PER NET TON		PER NET TON		PER NET TON	
#	Item	F.O.B. Bidder's		F.O.B. Bidder's		F.O.B. Bidder's		F.O.B. Bidder's	
		Plant		Plant		Plant		Plant	
403.13	Binder Course Type 3 3.5%	No Bid		40.50		No Bid		40.00	
403.14	Binder Course Type 4 4.0%	No Bid		40.50		No Bid		No Bid	
403.15	Shim Course Type 5 8.25%	No Bid		41.50		No Bid		No Bid	
403.17	Top Course Type 6F 6.4%	No Bid		40.50		No Bid		43.00	
403.19	Top Course Type 7F 7.0%	No Bid		41.50		No Bid		46.00	
714.06	Asphaltic Concrete Curb Mix 7.5%	No Bid		49.50		No Bid		No Bid	
		PER CU YD		PER CU YD		PER CU YD		PER CU YD	
		F.O.B. Delivered		F.O.B. Delivered		F.O.B. Delivered		F.O.B. Delivered	
502.2	Class "A" Concrete	No Bid		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid	

	NAME OF BIDDER	RCA Asphalt I	L.L.C.						
	Tr.	DED TO	т	DED TO	. T	DED TO	A.T.	DED TO	N.T.
#	Item	PER TON		PER TON		PER TON		PER TON	
		F.O.B.	Delivered	F.O.B.	Delivered	F.O.B.	Delivered	F.O.B.	Delivered
	Crushed Stone ¾"	22.00	No Bid						
	Crushed Stone 1 ½"	22.00	No Bid						
	Graded Processed Stone NYS 304.03	No Bid	No Bid						
		PER NET TON		PER NET TON		PER NET TON		PER NET TON	
#	Item	F.O.B. Bidder's		F.O.B. Bidder's		F.O.B. Bidder's		F.O.B. Bidder's	
		Plant		Plant		Plant		Plant	
403.13	Binder Course Type 3 3.5%	44.00							
403.14	Binder Course Type 4 4.0%	44.00							
403.15	Shim Course Type 5 8.25%	47.00							
403.17	Top Course Type 6F 6.4%	45.00							
403.19	Top Course Type 7F 7.0%	45.00							
714.06	Asphaltic Concrete Curb Mix 7.5%	58.00							
		PER CU YD		PER CU YD		PER CU YD		PER CU YD	
		F.O.B. Delivered		F.O.B. Delivered		F.O.B. Delivered		F.O.B. Delivered	
502.2	Class "A" Concrete	No Bid							

Councilman Hennes made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cypher, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that Bid #2-04 for Street Materials is hereby awarded to N. Biddle & sons for crushed stone (both sizes), Patterson materials for graded processed stone, and Peckham Materials for binder course (both types), shim course, top course (both types) and curb mix at the price bid per ton.

**ROLL CALL** 

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Chu, Cypher, Fahey, Hennes and Larr

NAYS: None ABSENT: Councilman Seitz

## 15. Miscellaneous communications and reports

Mayor Otis mentioned receipt of a letter from the Westchester Department of Consumer Protection urging municipalities to alert all residents to use only those contractors licensed by Westchester County. The Mayor suggested such a list, or directions to find such a list, be listed on the City's web site.

Councilman Chu commented on the report from the City's Finance Committee recommending that the City continue to participate in the countywide sales tax sharing arrangement, rather than implementing an individual City tax. He said the recommendations were well thought out and an excellent example of review and analysis. The Mayor thanked City Comptroller Michael Genito for his input and assistance in analyzing this issue.

Councilwoman Larr reported that the newly established Rye Recreation Subcommittee with members representing seniors, the City, and the Rye Youth Council was very productive, coming up with many cost saving ideas. She said a working committee will now be meeting to come up with more specific proposals to improve Damiano Center and enlarge the multi-purpose room in some way. She said the Rye Youth Council, represented by Steve Joyce, was interested in raising funds to contribute to the cost of expanding the McDonald Building as a teen center. Councilman Cypher said no decisions had been made and no dollar amounts had been established, but concurred that many creative ideas had been forthcoming. The Mayor said Mr. Joyce brings many skills to the discussion, but urged everyone to keep an eye on the Recreation Master Plan and the Needs Assessment Study which outlined all the community needs (for example, the increasing numbers of Cub Scouts who need a place to meet). He said he hoped everyone would look for the biggest "bang for the buck." Joe Murphy, speaking on behalf of the Rye Seniors, said the seniors are not satisfied with the patchwork approach and, as far as this group is concerned, all is not well.

(Mr. Seitz arrived at this time.)

Councilman Fahey mentioned a 2002 report from the Westchester Humane Society and said he was interested in seeing 2003. He asked if there were any alternatives to the services provided by the Society and was informed that the choices are very limited.

## 16. Old Business

Corporation Counsel reported the appointment of a guardian for Mrs. Thomaschewsky, owner of the gas station at Purchase and Wappanocca, could happen any day and he assured everyone he will be maintaining vigilance in the matter.

Councilman Chu reported he continues to receive comments concerning the safety of Theall Road and asked if there is anything the City can do. The City Manager said there had been some work on the shoulders and the Mayor reminded the Council that there had been a suggestion that the extra sales tax money might be considered earmarked for a "Theall Road Fund."

## 17. New Business

Councilwoman Larr said she had been approached by several residents asking when they could return to the Milton Firehouse to vote. The City Clerk said she will be recommending keeping the same polling places as the last few years through the presidential election. She pointed out that the Firehouse situation is uncertain pending the upcoming referendum; that Milton School will be under construction; that there was increased pressure to make sure all polling places are fully handicapped accessible and that she would be asking the Council to consider some changes in polling places in future years.

Corporation Counsel was congratulated on having his daughter sworn in earlier in the day as an attorney.

## 18. <u>Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held March 10, 2004</u>

Councilman Hennes made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held March 10, 2004 as amended.

#### 19. Adjournment

There is no further business to discuss, Councilman Hennes made a motion, seconded by Councilman Seitz and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Morison City Clerk